

Congresswoman Linda Sánchez issued the following statement today on the passing of Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald.

"I was saddened to hear the news of Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald's passing yesterday.

"Juanita was a trailblazer who broke down countless barriers for women and African-American leaders. While the history books will list the numerous accomplishments of her long career, I will remember her best as a champion for economic opportunity and empowerment for the people of Long Beach and Los Angeles. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to work with her on many issues important to the communities shared by our adjacent districts.

"We in Congress will miss her insight and experience, and I am sure her constituents will miss her tireless advocacy on their behalf."